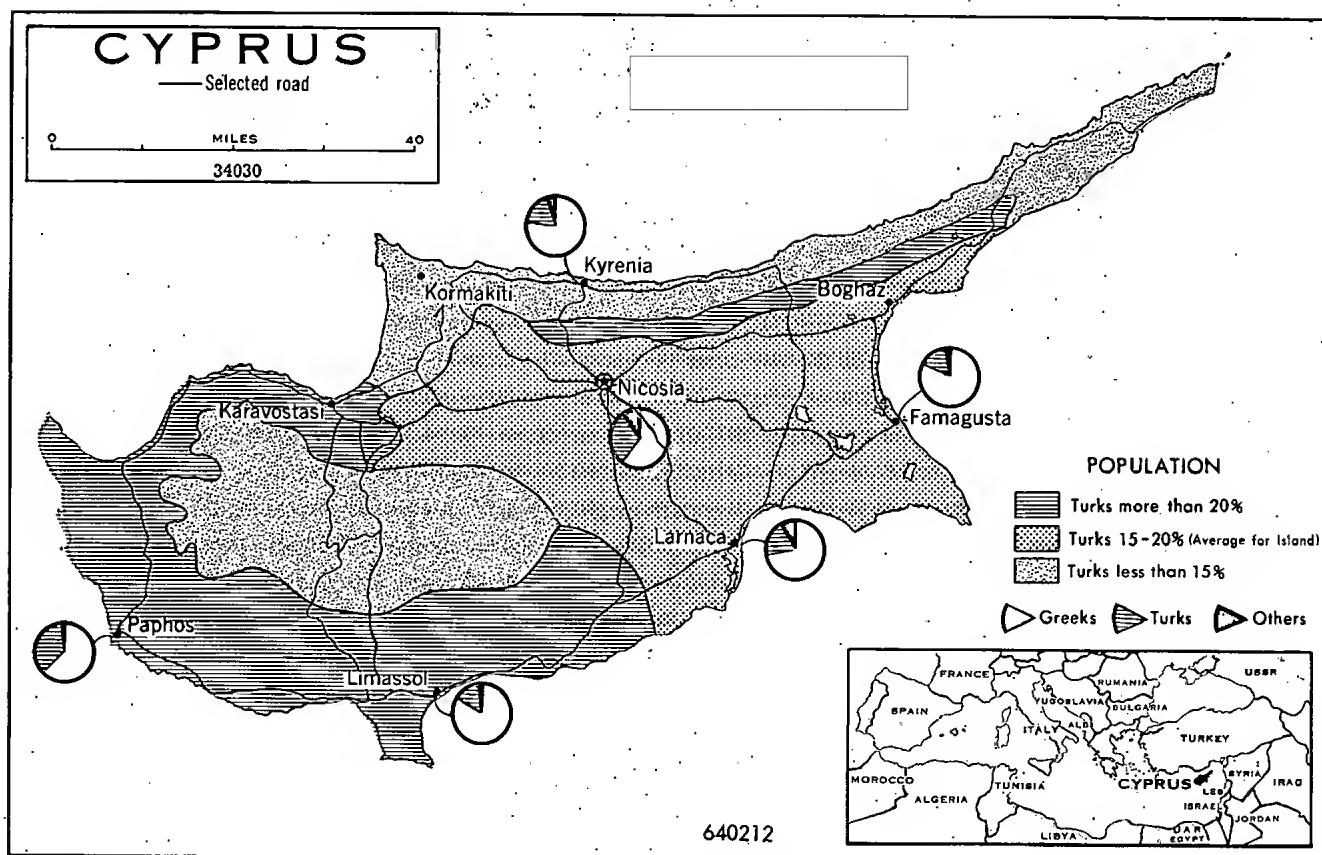


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Cyprus

a. In two meetings with Under Secretary Ball, Makarios has remained adamantly opposed to the basic provisions of the revised British-American plan. The two men are meeting again this morning, but Ball, despite his laying it on the line to Makarios, has little hope of any give in the Greek Cypriot position.

b. Pickard, the British representative, thinks Makarios no longer has any effective control at all, and Ball describes the two ministers who led the discussion on the Greek Cypriot side as fanatical and over the edge. "They reflect the death wish that seems endemic in this wretched island."

c. Civil order deteriorated further overnight; there have been 150 casualties at the south coast port of Limassol.

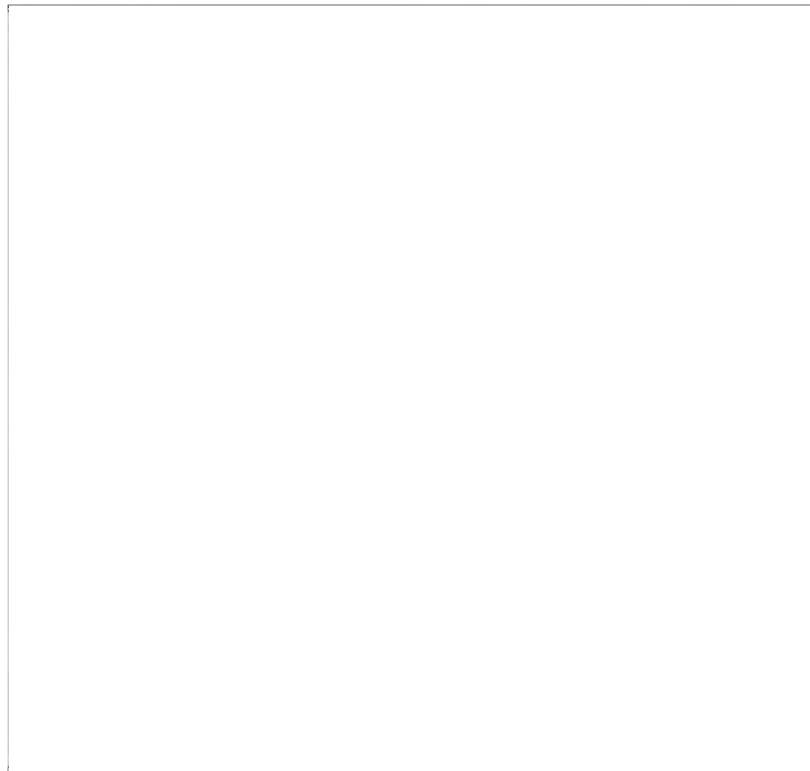
d. If the discussions break down this morning, the Cypriot government will probably spread the news; this could trigger widespread fighting.

e. Ball says the principal problems we now face are to prevent the situation from degenerating into general civil war and to restrain Turkey from intervention under mounting provocation.

1. USSR

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the near future.

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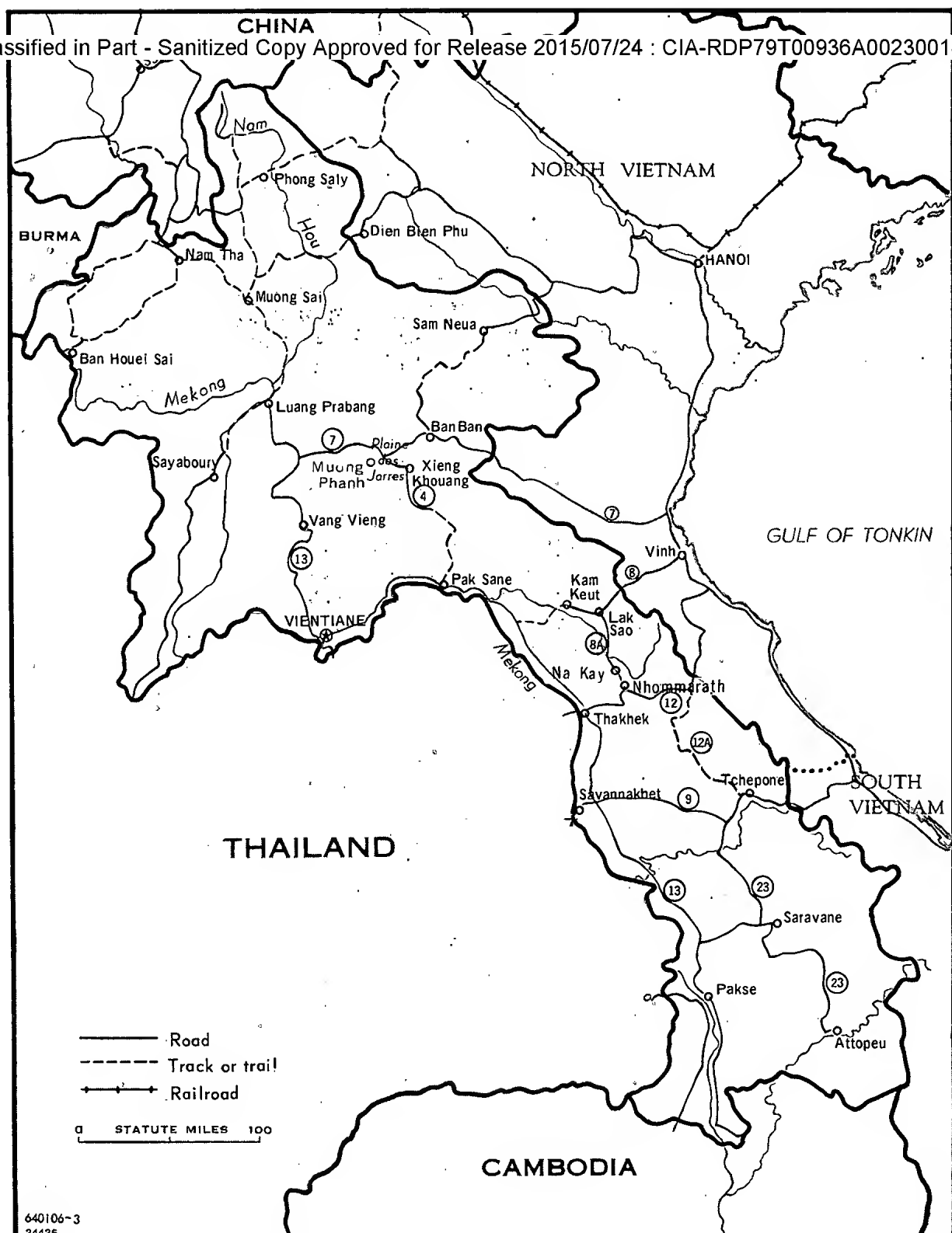
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2. Laos

a. Communist military pressure
is causing concern in Vientiane.

b. Premier Souvanna wants the
International Control Commission to
send a team to central Laos, where
Communist forces still seem to be
sweeping toward the Mekong valley.

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He is also looking for ways to arrange a cease-fire and a pullback to previous positions to permit resumption of preparations for tripartite talks.

c. General Phoumi is opposed to sitting down with the Pathet Lao under the present circumstances. To bolster his case and to cover the recent rout of his forces east of Thakhek, Phoumi is exaggerating the extent of North Vietnamese military intervention.

d. Phoumi has also been hinting at possible "spontaneous" popular demonstrations in Vientiane against the North Vietnamese Embassy and Pathet Lao mission. Some conservative elements remain dissatisfied with the leadership of both Souvanna and Phoumi.

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3. US-Cuba

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4. **Somalia-
Ethiopia**

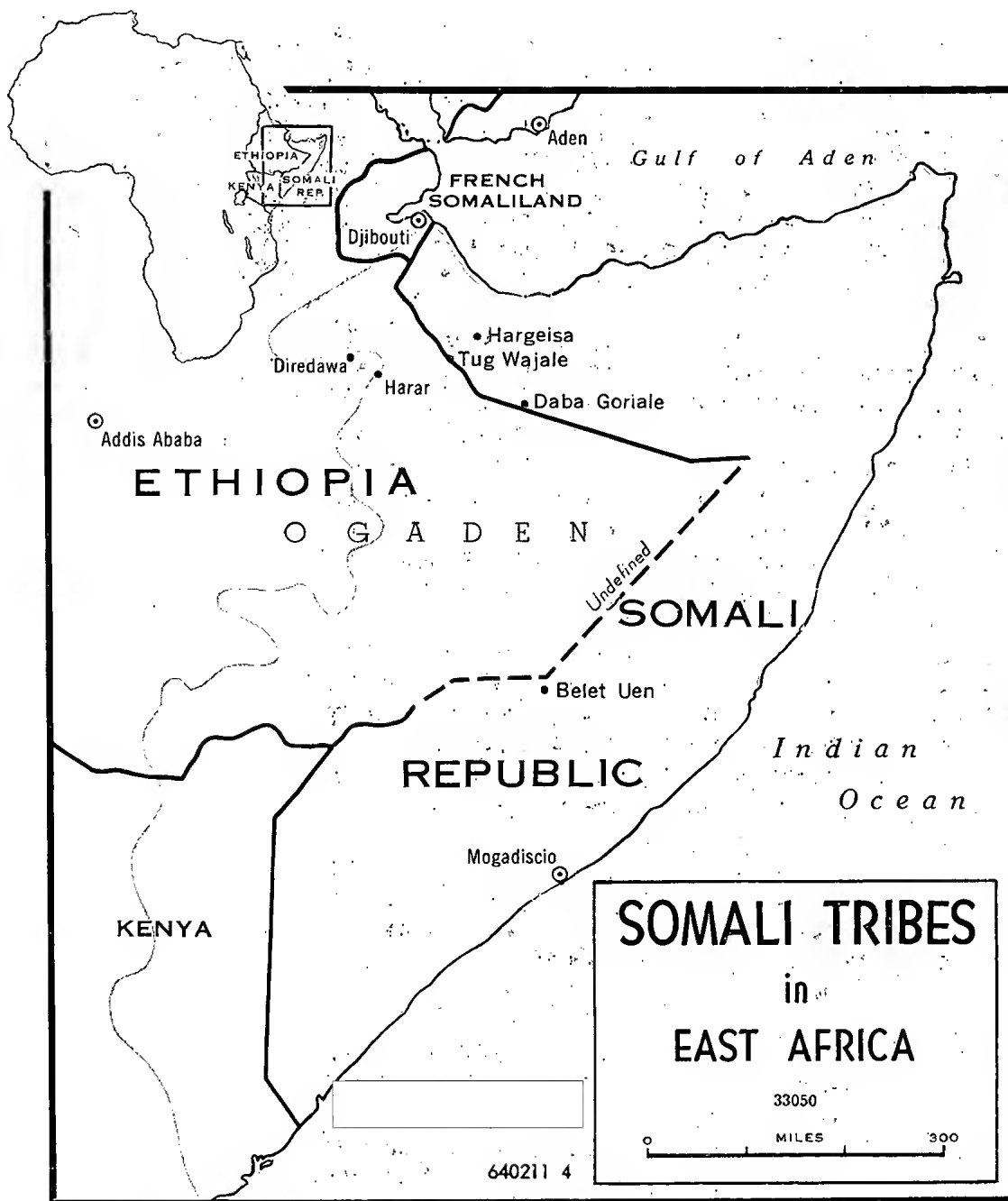
a. Fighting continues despite moves to halt it, and both sides are reinforcing their positions along the border.

b. Three battalions of Ethiopian Army troops crossed briefly into Somali territory at Tug Wajale, a village which straddles the border, but now appear to be occupying prepared positions in the Ethiopian sector of the village. [REDACTED]

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c. A sizable Ethiopian force has also assembled at the border village of Daba Goriale some 120 miles southeast of Tug Wajale. All told the Ethiopians have one of their four infantry divisions in the Ogaden region plus one brigade.

d. The Somali Army has only two of its seven battalions in the northern sector of the country, and appears to be arming large numbers of "volunteers" to assist them.

e. This sort of guerrilla activity, which the Ethiopians know is encouraged and even directed by Mogadiscio, has particularly infuriated them and probably precipitated the current fighting.

f. Haile Selassie has told our ambassador "in confidence" that "foreigners" were involved in the recent Somali attacks on Ethiopia.

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Somali president is obsessed with the idea the US is stimulating the Ethiopian attacks in retaliation for his government's turning to the East for arms.

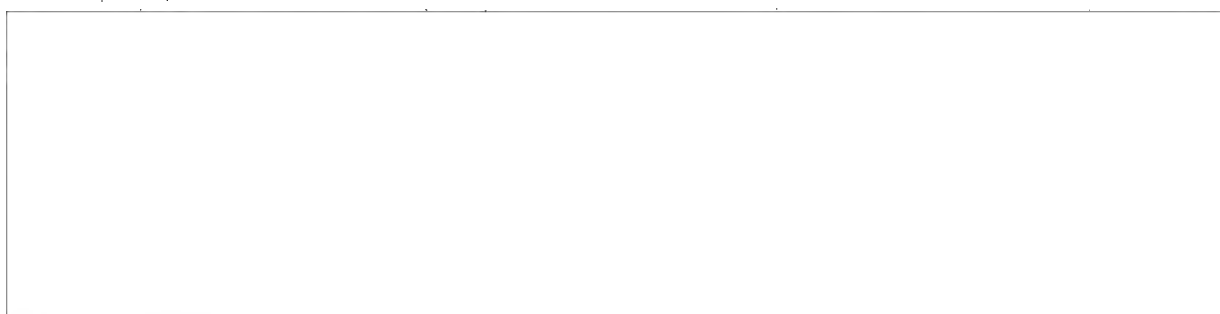
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B. Cambodia



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- C. Belgium** Foreign Minister Spaak believes Belgium should take immediate steps to make its training assistance to the Congolese National Army more effective in the time remaining before the UN withdrawal on 1 July. He told the US ambassador, however, that the idea of placing Belgian officers in Congolese field units raises sensitive issues and will require cabinet consideration.